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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Use of General Cabell as a Consultant

1. This memorandum is for your information, and is being written because Walter Elder advised me that you requested it. Since I do not know the reason for the request, I am not certain whether or not I should address myself to some particular point. I am, therefore, presenting an outline of the entire matter.

2. In the latter part of April, it occurred to [] and myself that General Cabell could be very useful to us in giving us advice in connection with all matters within the responsibility of the [] 25X1

[] As you probably know, these activities were very much a personal concern of General Cabell while he was DDCI, and consequently he has a substantial amount of background in connection with them. Moreover, his knowledge of and connections with the Air Force, we felt, could be of enormous help in view of the number of relations that [] has with the Air Force, 25X1 and the fact that [] requirements are in many instances a supplement to Air Force activity, e.g., South Vietnam. 25X1

3. Moreover, having worked with General Cabell on these matters in the past, it was my experience that he tended to ask many detailed questions which tended to be a useful test of the adequacy of the matters under consideration. We felt, therefore, that this same capacity could be extremely useful to us in the future.

4. We then determined that the DCI had signed, and General Cabell had accepted, a contract as an intermittent consultant to the Agency, effective 1 February 1962, which was still in full effect. A copy of this contract is attached.

5. Shortly thereafter, we lunched with General Cabell and found that he would be glad to give us some time, as required and as it was available to give. We told him that we did not think that we would want to call on him very often, but that perhaps a day every two weeks or a day every month on an average would be helpful. We indicated that conceivably the requirement could be somewhat greater in connection with particular matters, although we had none such in mind at the moment. In spite of the existing contract

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mentioned above, signed by the DCI, we all felt that as a matter of courtesy, in view of General Cabell's previous connection with the Agency, we should advise the DCI informally of our intention to see whether he had any objection.

6. I then asked Dick Helms if he would informally so advise the DCI, and was later told that the use of General Cabell had been cleared and it was all right to proceed.

7. In the meantime, as it was necessary to find some place for General Cabell to work, we inquired of the SSA/DDS whether or not it would be possible to provide General Cabell with a room in East Building on the few occasions when he would be working with us. We were advised that this would be possible and that Room 226B, East Building, could be used by him. We then, in accordance with a request of General Cabell, had a safe containing some of his papers put into this room. In spite of this, there is no understanding that the room is in any way reserved for General Cabell when he is not working for us, and moreover, we understand that there is no other requirement for the room even during the times when General Cabell is working for us. Although General Cabell did not request it, we indicated that we would provide him with secretarial help from the [redacted] staff, as necessary, during the periods that he would be working for us.

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8. General Cabell has worked one day for us so far, namely 25 May.

cc. TRACY BARNES

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Attachment:

Consultant contract

Noted by DDCI 5/26/62, and ret. to DD/P via ExD w/following note.
'Noted--my concern is with any furnishing of logistic support beyond that normally expected for a one-night stand once or twice a month. Gen. Cabell himself has expressed a view as to possible overabundance of support. There is no objection to the safe, the use of a room on those days he is being consulted, and use of a secretary similarly. There must be no indication of permanent establishment of longrange logistic support

for any of our consultants. /s/ MSC-DDCI